



News Sheet

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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

Starfish have had a lovely end to our first half term!

At the beginning of the week, we introduced another Monster Phonic character and the children have now met Angry Red A, Yellow I and Green Froggy. Starfish have loved learning about each character and playing with the characters in their choosing time. We have now finished our Weather Topic and have been talking about our favourite type of weather to play in. The children mostly said they liked it when it rained so they could splash in the puddles the rain left!

On Tuesday, our older children had a special treat of going to our local cafe for lunch. We walked down to the cafe, remembering our road safety by holding an adult's hand and wearing our high visibility jackets. The children were very polite, saying please and thank you when asking for their beans on toast and hot chocolate with marshmallows and trying hard to use their knife and fork whilst eating. We are very proud of how grown up and independent Starfish were in the cafe!



Seahorse class

This week in English year 2 have been finishing their alternative traditional tale of 'The Three Little Pigs' by writing their own alternative traditional tale. Meanwhile, year 1 and Reception have used a clip from 'Mr Benn Goes Ballooning' to create a new outfit and adventure for him.



Having looked at and learnt about the history of planes this half term, we have ended it by making our own paper aeroplanes. First Key Stage 1 made a plane and tested it. They then evaluated their plane and looked at how they could change it to make it better. They then re-made their planes and wrote about which one they preferred. Some children were resourceful and used skills for making planes they had learnt outside of school.

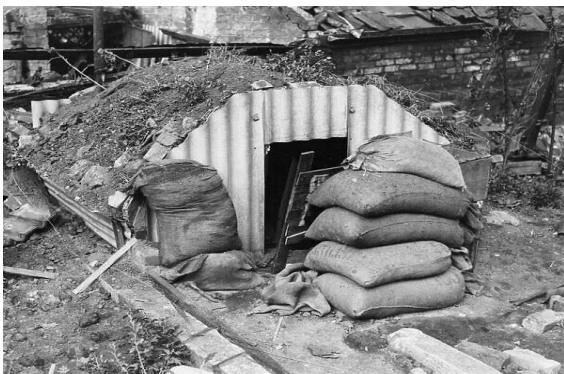


Meanwhile, Reception have had a great time exploring the outdoors this week and looking at the changes that are happening in the world around us. They made ice and then on Wednesday the ice became part of an activity tray with shaving foam as snow with penguins and walruses. They had a great time getting messy and feeling the different textures and temperatures. They have also gone outside to observe and draw the flowers in the Sea Sanctuary Garden.

It has been a busy half term packed full of learning and fun. We are looking forward to seeing what we get to do next half term.

Dolphin class

This week in Dolphins we have had a great week investigating how the British people protected themselves against the German air raids, during World War 2. We discovered how people built air raid shelters in their garden and homes. In gardens we found Anderson shelters that were dug into the ground, made with corrugated iron sheets and sand bags to protect from bombing. Whereas in houses people built Morrison shelters, which were used as tables during the day and shelters when the raids occurred.



After investigating all about the different shelters we progressed onto planning how to construct our own Anderson shelters. The children needed to sketch the inside and outside of the shelters, creating a list of different materials they would need to build their own models. These models will then be created after half term.



Over in mathematics we have advanced onto addition and subtraction with 2-digit numbers. We have been very resilient this week working on regrouping. The children have all had a chance to use manipulatives to understand why we regroup when we cross the 10 boundary in a mathematical equation. The whole class has worked extremely hard all week and I am very proud of the progress made in a tricky unit.

Over in English we have finished our unit on diary writing, ending with our Big Write on Thursday. In Big Write the class had to create a diary entry for a young person who was alive during the Blitz. The class were very creative writing about how the air raid sirens went off, how they had to evacuate into their air raid shelters for protection, then describing all the sounds that were coming from the bombing raid outside.

It has been a great half term full of intrigue and enthusiasm for learning, where everyone has settled into our class brilliantly. Well done Dolphins!



Shark Class

We have made it to the end of this incredibly packed half-term! We have learned so much, practised many skills and produced some brilliant quality work over the last seven weeks, so much so that we can barely process just how much!

This week, we have been finishing off our Newspaper Reports in English, with a focus on building the nation's morale after the devastating defeat at Dunkirk. There have been some wonderful headlines such as 'Dunkirk Disaster Diverted!' and 'The B.E.F. Brought Back Our Boys!', creative interviews and some excellent use of emotive language.

In Maths, we have focused on 4-digit addition and subtraction skills, including how to make some really tricky calculations with big numbers like 300,000 - 5,000 really simple by making everything 1000x smaller. We also had a very brief tour with square numbers so we can shake off the misconception that we just 'multiply it by 2'.



Finally, our Topic work has been all about the German plan for the invasion of the UK known as 'Operation Sealion'. We've studied the plans, looked at



their preparation and came to the conclusion that... It really wasn't actually a very good plan at all! We finished off the week's work with some beautiful watercolour backgrounds for our sketches. We can't wait to add colour to the planes themselves once we return after the half term.

It's been a very busy half term packed full of learning and fun. Thank you for all your support over the last half term. Have a lovely October half term break from all of the team at Bacton Primary.

Mental Wellbeing

Tricky Witch (One of our Monster Phonics characters) may have crash landed! The rumour is that Mrs Winchester's parking may have caused the incident. She could neither confirm or deny when questioned by the children. What are your thoughts? How did Tricky Witch land in the clematis arch of the Sea Sanctuary Wellbeing Garden? It has definitely had the children and adults questioning.



Safeguarding

Help with Living Costs this Winter

Winter 2023/24 Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials including white goods. Click on the link for more details:

<https://csapps.norfolk.gov.uk/cssshared/ecourier2/fileoutput.asp?id=54504>



Help with living costs

You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. This leaflet tells you what support is available and how to get advice. You can also find this information on our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving. If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.

There is also a cost of living hub provided by the government which contains useful information. This can be found at www.gov.uk/cost-of-living.

Winter 2023/24



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline-safety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GCRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iD and TechRadar.



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Lighthouse Lookout

Dolphins and Sharks have been asked to nominate themselves for our revamped Lighthouse Lookout. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn new skills and support others. The Lighthouse Crew will gain the pupils' voice and allow the children to raise awareness and support others within the school. So many children have nominated themselves with amazing reasons why that role will be suitable for them. For each role there will be a Shark and Dolphin, the Head Pupils will support the roles alongside Mrs Winchester and Mr Austin. Look out for your new Lookouts!



Celebrating and Sharing Our Successes

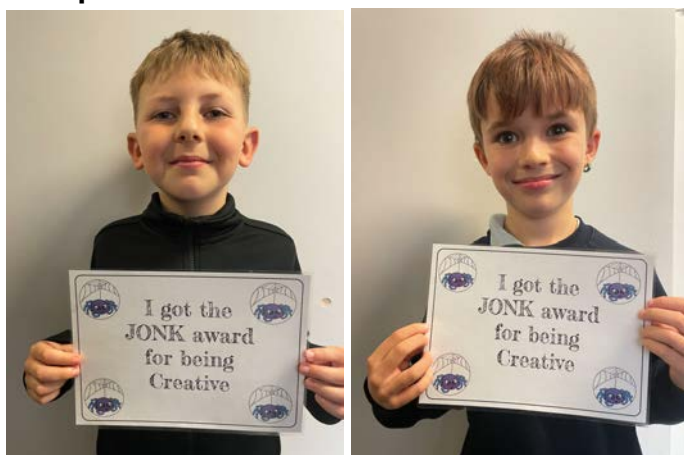
We will be sharing with parents and carers our JONK award winners for the week as part of our celebrating and sharing success.

Teachers and TAs will be looking out for children who demonstrate the JONK skill of Curious next week.

Seahorse Class JONK certificate this week



Dolphin Class JONK certificates this week



Shark Class JONK certificate this week



Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 95.66%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 97.17%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 95.13%

Shark class attendance year to date 94.48%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Seahorses with 96.75%

Well Done Seahorse Class



Reminders

School Lunches

Please check the school website for the Autumn/Winter Menu

PE Days

On the day your child has PE please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit. If they are taking part in sports club and it is not their PE day they should come to school in their uniform and bring kit to change into.

PE Seahorse Class - Years R, 1 and 2

Monday and Thursday

Dolphin and Shark Classes - Years 3, 4,5 and 6

Thursday and Friday

Uniform

Order directly through Birds of Dereham (any time)

<https://www.birdsofdereham.com/>

Or place your order on the School Money System before the cut off dates below.

Order Through School - Dates 2023/24:

1. Order Cut Off: Fri 6th October 2023 - Delivery in November 2023
2. Order Cut Off: Fri 16th February 2024 - Delivery in March 2024
3. Order Cut Off: Fri 26th April 2024 - Delivery in May 2024
4. Order Cut Off: Fri 7th June 2024 - Delivery in July 2024

	Sweatshirt	Cardigan	Fleece Jacket	Delivery charge
Order through school (includes 10% discount)	£10.50	£12.00	£14.50	Free

If you have any queries please contact the School Office.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
19/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
19/10/2023	3:15	Break up for October Half Term Holiday

30/10/2023	8:45	Return to school from October Half Term Holiday
01/11/23	16:00-17:00	PTFA School Disco - Letter has been issued
03/11/2023	2:00	Harvest Festival Parents invited into school - letter has now been issued (Please note this is a change to the previously advertised date)
14/12/2023	9:30-10:30	Christmas Performance - Don't be Afraid, ticket only event for parents and carers - ticket booking letter to be issued in November
15/12/2023	14:00-15:00	Christmas Performance - Don't be Afraid, ticket only event for parents and carers - ticket booking letter to be issued in November
19/12/2023	9:00-1:30	Sheringham Little Theatre Whole school Panto visit Years R-6

Term Dates

Norfolk County Council 2023-2024 Coastal Together			
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January 2024 	February 2024 	March 2024 	April 2024
May 2024 	June 2024 	July 2024 	August 2024
<small>Key: White dates - schools open to pupils Yellow dates - pupil holiday Red dates - bank holiday Blue circle - Staff Training Days (The remaining 2 inset days will be disaggregated into 6 Twilights, 1 per half Term)</small>			

All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.

In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240

The link below has more information about fixed penalty notices.
[**Fixed Penalty Notices**](#)



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IS EXCITED!**

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Multi-Racquet Sports Fun Days at Cromer Tennis & Squash Club

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th October: 8 – 11 years
Thursday 26th & Friday 27th October: 12 – 16 years
9.30 am – 2pm each day

**Early drop off option 8.30 am for busy parents
with coach supervised FOOTBALL - FREE**

Children should bring own breakfast and lunch snacks

4 racquet sports each with fully qualified coaches
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PICKLEBALL – Will Taylor – Pickleball Registry coach

SQUASH – Henry Geaves – Squash England Level 2 coach

TABLE TENNIS – Caitlin Chapman – Table Tennis England Level 1 coach

TENNIS – Jack Seton – LTA Level 3

Cost: £ 30 per day, £ 50 for 2 days

Pay by credit card on arrival !

To book for a place for your child

Just email specifying which days

Email: admin@cromertennisclub.co.uk Tel: 01263 513 741

Cromer Tennis & Squash Club,

Norwich Road, Cromer, Norfolk NR27 0EX

www.cromertennisclub.co.uk

**Please note the above events/activities are not organised
or run by the school.**